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YOSHINORI HAYASHI, after having been duly sworn, testified aboard U.S. Army F.S. 319, enroute from Manado, Celebes to Morotai, on 30 April 1946, as follows:

Q What is your full name, rank, age, marital status, religion, nationality, and home address?

A Yoshinori HAYASHI, Warrant Officer, 33 years old, married, Buddhist, Japanese. I live at the house of Shigeo HIROMASA and his address is Hiroshima Ken, Kure Shi Hondori 4 Cho Me 9 Banchi. My wife, Fumiye HAYASHI lives in the same house.

Q When were you inducted into the Japanese Navy?

A 20 December 1940.

Q When did you first land in Celebes?

A The first part of September 1944.

Q Where did you land in Celebes?

A I landed in Tolitoli.

Q Of what unit were you a member?

A I was attached to the Tolitoli Seaplane Base Unit. In the middle of November 1944 I was sent to Balikpapan and assigned to the Signal Corps of the 22nd Special Naval Base Unit. The Seaplane Base which I was attached to at Tolitoli was part of the 22nd Special Naval Base Unit at Balikpapan. In the latter part of January 1945 I was sent back to the Celebes and stationed at Dongala, I was attached to the SATO unit as special observation post of planes and ships at Dongala. I was stationed at this post until the war ended.

Q Who was your commanding officer and what were your duties while you were stationed at the Tolitoli Seaplane Base?

A At the Tolitoli Seaplane Base there were two separate units, one was a guard unit commanded by Lieutenant (Junior Grade) IGAMI, the other was the unit which actually ran and operate the Seaplane Base. I cannot remember who the commanding officer of this unit was but I think that during the time I was stationed at Tolitoli, Warrant Officer SUITSU and Ensign YAMANOUCHI were in charge of this unit. I am not certain because the commanding officers of this unit changed quite often. I was attached to this latter unit. I was a wireless operator and I sent most of the messages that went to the 22nd Special Naval Base Unit.

Q Do you know anything of the eight Allied fliers who were captured near Tolitoli sometime in September or October 1944?

A Yes.

Q Please tell me everything you know concerning the capture and disposition of these eight fliers.

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A Sometime in the latter part of September 1944 I heard that an American B-24 crash-landed in the water somewhere near Boeol which is in the province of Tolitoli. The natives in this area reported to the Tolitoli Seaplane Base that there were eight survivors in this crash. The standing patrol of the Tolitoli Seaplane Base was accordingly dispatched to Boeol to capture these survivors. However, when they arrived the naval police inspector and his subordinates had already captured these eight fliers. The naval police inspector at Boeol at this time was IWANE. His rank was police inspector. I do not know the names of any of his subordinates. The Tolitoli patrol which was dispatched to Boeol stayed at this place that night and the next day they returned to Tolitoli with the eight fliers. They returned by truck. These eight fliers were detained in the naval police detention cell in Tolitoli. The chief of the naval police in Tolitoli was AWAZU. He was a civilian attached to the navy with a rank of naval police inspector. These fliers were detained at the naval police detention cell in Tolitoli for about one month. These fliers were originally supposed to be sent to Balikpapan. However, I heard that an order was received from the 22nd Special Naval Base in Balikpapan to detain the fliers in Tolitoli and to execute them there. These fliers were executed on ~~or~~ about the 23rd of October 1944. I think this is the correct date, however I am not certain.

Q Please tell me everything that you know of the execution and the incidents leading up to it.

A At about 5:00 or 6:00 o'clock in the afternoon on or about the 22nd of October 1944 Warrant Officer SUITSU, who was in charge of the Seaplane Base at that time, or Lt IGAMI sent a telephone message to me. At the time that this message came over the phone I was out fixing the antenna for one of the wireless sets. When I returned to the office I was told that the message had been sent to me. The message said, "The commander of the Seaplane Base called you up and said tomorrow is the execution. You will be one of the executioners. Prepare your sword. The execution will be early tomorrow morning. The execution will be in the rear of the communication point near the Tolitoli cemetery."

Later that same evening about 7:00 o'clock another message came for me telling me that I should report to the execution place at 7:00 o'clock the following morning. The next morning I got up a little after 6:00 o'clock, dressed and ate my breakfast and went out on the porch of my house and waited. This morning I was dressed in my full uniform with boots and cap and I was wearing my Japanese sword. I waited on the porch about twenty minutes and then I saw about twenty members of the Naval Seaplane Base Unit come walking by my house on the way to the execution place. I cannot recall any of the names of the persons who were in this group of twenty. As soon as this group had passed my house I followed them at a distance of about twenty or thirty meters.

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The execution place was about one kilometer from my house. I arrived at the execution place about fifteen minutes later. This was about 7:00 or 7:30 in the morning, I am not certain about the time. When I arrived at the place of execution I saw the eight fliers standing about 100 meters from a hole which was freshly dug. These fliers were all blindfolded and their hands were tied behind their backs. They were wearing khaki colored clothes. Some of them had field jackets with zippers on them. I don't think any of them had hats on. And I think that they wore brown colored shoes. There were about fifty or sixty guards and spectators standing around the eight fliers. Warrant Officer SUITSU was in charge of the execution party and he had already designated the executioners the previous evening. Warrant Officer SUITSU ordered the first prisoner to be brought to the place of execution. Warrant Officer SUITSU then ordered me to execute the first prisoner. I complained and said that I did not wish to execute the first prisoner. Warrant Officer SUITSU said that I must execute the first prisoner because I was the oldest member and that I should execute the first prisoner. I think two guards led the first flier to the hole. The flier was made to kneel in front of the hole, facing the hole. The two guards then stepped away from the prisoner and one of them said to me, "Alright" so I stepped up behind the prisoner and took a position about two feet to the left rear of him. My feet were about one foot apart. I raised my sword over my right shoulder and swung the sword downward against the prisoner's neck with both hands. When the sword struck the prisoner's neck his head was not completely severed from his body but his head flopped against his chest and blood spurted from his neck. The prisoner's body then rolled into the hole. I am sure that he died instantly. After I had executed the prisoner I stood with my hands in an attitude of prayer and prayed to my god that this flier I had just executed would go to heaven. I then withdrew about three to five meters and took a position among the other spectators. I stood in this position among the spectators and saw the second, third and fourth executions. I cannot remember the names of the executioners but I think they were all fliers from the Naval Seaplane Base in Tolitoli. I actually saw these executioners swing their swords and kill the second, third and fourth prisoners. After the fourth execution I left the place and returned to my quarters. Later I heard that Second Class Petty Officer TANAKA had executed the seventh prisoner, that Warrant Officer SUITSU had executed the sixth prisoner and that Administrative Officer IMAKI had executed the last prisoner. I do not recall from whom I heard this but everyone was talking about it.]

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- Q I now show you a sheet of legal size onion skin paper upon which Japanese characters are written in pencil. Will you tell me what they represent if you know?
- A This is the paper upon which I drew a diagram of the execution place of the eight American fliers. This diagram shows the hole where the Americans were executed, it also shows the road leading to the execution place. The diagram shows where my living quarters were located and also shows where other buildings in Tolitoli were located. I have signed and dated this diagram.
- Q Who was Warrant Officer SUITSU's commanding officer?
- A Warrant Officer SUITSU was under the command of Seaplane Base Aviation Unit which was part of the 22nd Special Naval Base Unit at Balikpapan. I, however, do not know who Warrant Officer SUITSU's commanding officer was or who the commanding officer of the 22nd Special Naval Base was.
- Q Do you know the names, ranks, description, or nationality of these eight fliers?
- A I do not know their names and I cannot describe them but I do remember that three of them were officers and the other five were non-commissioned officers. I think that two of the officers were second lieutenants and one was a first lieutenant. That's all I can recall about them. These fliers were all Americans.
- Q How do you know they were Americans?
- A I heard that police inspector AWAZU investigated these fliers and during the course of investigation he found out that these fliers were all Americans.
- Q Were these fliers ever given a hearing or a court martial?
- A I don't think that they were given court-martial or hearing.
- Q Why were these fliers executed?
- A I do not know.
- Q Tell me all of the persons that you can remember that either participated in or were present at the execution of the eight Americans.
- A Outside of the executioners whose names I have already given you I can remember no other persons. There were, however, a large number of people present.
- Q Can you tell me the first names and the present whereabouts of Administrative Officer IMAKI and Warrant Officer SUITSU?

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A I do not know either of these persons' first names. I heard that Administrative Officer IM/KI is dead. I heard that Warrant Officer SUITSU is either in Balikpapan or Singapore, I do not know which.

Q Was force, threats, duress, or coercion used in taking this statement from you?

A No.

Q Was any promise of reward, immunity, or consideration given as a result of this statement?

A No.

Q Have you anything further to add to your statement?

A No.

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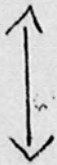
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I, YOSHINORI HAYASHI, being duly sworn on oath, state that I had read to me and understood the translation of the foregoing transcription of my interrogation and all answers contained therein consisting of four (4) pages, are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

/s/ Yoshinori Hayashi
YOSHINORI HAYASHI

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of May, 1946.

/s/ John D. Schwenker
JOHN D. SCHWENKER, Capt., FA
Investigating Officer, War Crimes
Investigating Detachment

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I, SEISHUN KUBA, T/3, ASN 30110981, War Crimes Branch, being duly sworn on oath, state that I truly translated the questions and answers given from English to Japanese and from Japanese to English respectively, and that after being transcribed, I truly translated the foregoing deposition containing four (4) pages, to the witness; that the witness thereupon in my presence affixed his signature thereto.

/s/ Seishun Kuba
SEISHUN KUBA

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of May, 1946.

/s/ John D. Schwenker
JOHN D. SCHWENKER, Capt., FA
Investigating Officer, War Crimes
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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, JOHN D. SCHWENKER, Capt., O-54430, FA, certify that on 30th day of April, 1946, personally appeared before me YOSHIMORI HAYASHI, and according to SEISHUN KUBA, gave the foregoing answers to the several questions set forth therein; that after his testimony had been transcribed, the said YOSHIMORI HAYASHI had read to him by the said interpreter the same and affixed his signature thereto in my presence.

Manado, Celebes
(Place)

1 May 1946
(Date)

/s/ John D. Schwenger
JOHN D. SCHWENKER, Capt., FA
Investigating Officer, War Crimes
Investigating Detachment

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林 ヨ シ ノ リ

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林「ヨシノリ」ハ、千九百四十六年四月三十日
セレベス島マナドヨリモロタイへ航行中ノ米國輪
船 F・S・三百十九號船上ニ於テ、正式宣誓ノ
上左ノ通り証言シタリ。

問、貴下ノ姓名、階級、年令、婚姻關係、宗教、
國籍及ヒ内地ニ於ケル住所如何。

答、林「ヨシノリ」。兵曹長。三十三才。既婚。
佛教。日本人。

私ハ「ヒロマサ・シゲオ」ノ家ニ住ンデキマ
ス。彼ノ住所ハ、長島縣長市本通り四丁目九
番地。

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問、貴下ハ千九百四十四年九月若クハ十月中、ト
リトリ附近ニ於テ捕虜トナツタ八名ノ聯合軍
航空機搭乗員ニ關シ、何か知ツテ居ルカ。

答、知ツテキマス。

問、是等八名ノ航空機搭乗員ガ、捕虜トナツタ經
緯、並ビニ其處置ニ關シ、貴下ノ知ル所總テ
ヲ話シテ貰ヒタイ。

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答、千九百四十四年九月下旬某日、私ハ米國ノ
B-24 一機ガトリトリ州内ノボエオル附近デ水
上ニ不時着破損シタ旨ヲ聞キマシタ。其ノ
地ノ住民ハトリトリ水上機基地ヘ此事故デ
ハ八名ノ生存者ガアルト報告シタ。ソコデ
トリトリ水上機基地常備警務員ガ、ソレ等
ノ生存者ヲ捕ヘルタメニ、ボエオルヘ派遣
サレマシタ。然シ乍ラ彼等ガ其處ヘ到着シ
タ時ニハ、海軍警務監察官ト其ノ部下達ガ、
既ニ是等八名ノ航空機搭乗員ヲ捕ヘテ居リ
マシタ。當時ボエオルニ於ケル海軍警務監
察官ハイワネデアリマシテ、其ノ階級ハ監
察官デアリマシタ。彼ノ部下ノ姓名ハ私ハ
知リマセン。ボエオルヘ派遣サレタトリト
リ警務隊員ハ、其ノ夜ハ其ノ地ニ一泊シ、
翌日前記八名ヲ追行シトリトリヘ歸還シマ
シタ。彼等ハトラツクニ乗ツテ歸ツテ來タ
ノデス。是等ノ八名ハトリトリニ於ケル海
軍拘留所ニ監禁サレマシタ。トリトリ海軍
警察署長ハ栗津デアリマシタ。彼ハ海軍所
屬ノ軍屬デアリマシタガ、其ノ階級ハ海軍
警務監察官ト云フデアリマシタ。之等航
空機搭乗員ハ右トリトリ海軍拘留所ニ約一

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ケ月監禁サレマシタ。彼等ハ最初バリツクバ
バンヘ送ラレル豫定デアリマシタガ、私ノ聞
イタ所デハ其ノ後バリツクババン第二十二特
別海軍基地カラ彼等八名ヲトリトリニ止メ、
トリトリデ刑ヲ執行スベシトノ命令ヲ受ケタ
ト云フコトデシタ。此等搭乗員ハ一九四四年
十月二十三日頃處刑サレマシタガ、私ハコレ
ガ正確ナ日付ダト思ヒマスガハツキリ致シマ
セン。

問、處刑並ヒニ處刑ニ至ルマデノ出來事ニ就テ、
貴下ノ知ル所一切ヲ話シテ貰ヒ度イ。

答、千九百四十四年十月二十二日頃ノ午後五時カ
六時頃ト思ヒマスガ、當時水上機基地ノ指揮
ヲ執ツテ居タスヤツ兵官長カ或ハイガミ大尉
カラダツタカ、私ノ許ヘ電話ガ掛ツテ來マシ
タ。此電話ガ掛ツテ來タ時、私ハ丁度、無線
受信機ノ一ツニアンテナヲ張ルタメニ外出中
ダツタ。私が事務所ヘ歸ツテ來タ時ニ電話ガア
ツタト云フコトヲ聞カサレタノデス。其ノ傳
言ハ「水上機基地司令カラ貴下ニ電話ガ掛リ
明日ハ愈々處刑スル。貴下ハ刑執行員ノ一人
デアル、刀ヲ用意サル可シ。刑ハ明朝早ク行
ハル可ク、場所ハトリトリ基地附近通信所ノ

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後方ノコト「ト云フノデアリマシタ。同夜過
ク、七時頃、私ノ許ヘ再ヒ電話ガアリ、翌朝
七時ニ刑ノ執行場ヘ出頭スベシト云ツテ來マ
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ノ周國ニハ約五、六十名ノ警護員ダノ見物人
ガ居リマシタ。スイツ兵曹長ガ刑執行ノ指揮
ヲ執ツテキタノデスガ、彼ハ前夜既ニ誰ガ俘
虜ヲ斬ルカラ既ニ指名シテキタノデス。ソレ
カラスイツ兵曹長ハ第一番目ノ俘虜ヲ刑執行
ノ場所ヘ連れて來ル様ニ命令ヲ下シマシタ。
ソシテ其ノ第一番目ノ俘虜ヲ私ニ斬レト命ジ
タノデス。私ハ不審ノ意ヲ述べ第一番目ノ俘
虜ヲ斬リタクナイト申シマシタ。シカシスイ
ツ兵曹長ハ、私が最古参者ダカラ第一番目ノ
俘虜ヲ斬ラネバナラスト云ヒマシタ。二名ノ
警護員ガ第一番目ノ俘虜ヲ穴ノ傍ニ連れて行
ツタト思ヒマス。俘虜ハ穴ニ向ツテ穴ノ前ニ
跪カサレマシタ。二名ノ警護員ハ俘虜カラ離
レ、一人ガ私ニ向ツテ「宜シイ」ト云ヒマシ
タ。ソコデ私ハ俘虜ノ背後ニ廻ハリ彼ノ左背
後約二呎ノ所ニ位置ヲ取りマシタ。私ノ兩脚
ハ約一呎ノ間隔ニ開キマシタ。私ハ大刀ヲ右
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頸目掛ケテ一閃斬リ下ケマシタ。刀が頸部ヲ
打ツタ時、彼ノ首ハ完全ニハ胴体カラ離レマ
セシデシタガ、胴ノ所ニブラサガリ、頸カフ
ハ鮮血ガ溢リマシタ。俘虜ノ胴体ハ其處デ穴
ノ中ニ落テ込ミマシタ。即死シタコトハ間違
ヒナイト思ヒマス。俘虜ヲ處刑シタ後私ハ合
掌ノ姿勢デ立テ、今私ノ手デ斬ツタ許リノ俘
虜ガ短剣ニ行クヤウ我神ニ祈リマシタ。ソレカラ
私ハ三「メートル」乃至五「メートル」後方ヘ退キ他ノ見
物人ノ間ニ位置ヲ取リマシタ。私ハ此ノ見物人ノ中ニ立ツ
テ、第二、第三、第四番目ノ處刑ヲ見マシタ。私ハ刑ノ
執行者ハ誰デアツタカ、思ヒ出セマセンガ、
彼等ハ全部トリトリニ於ケル海軍水上機集地
カラヤツテ來タ航運隊員デアツタト思ヒマス。
私ハ是等ノ刑執行者ガ其ノ大刀ヲ強リヒゲテ
第二、第三、第四番目ノ俘虜ヲ斬殺スルノヲ
實際目撃シタノデス。第四番目ノ處刑後私ハ
其處ヲ去ツテ私ノ宿舎ヘ歸リマシタ。後ニナ
ツテ、私ハ、田中二等兵曹ガ第七番目ノ俘虜
ヲ、スイツ兵曹長ガ第六番目ノ俘虜ヲ、而シ
テ今木管理將校ガ最後ノ俘虜ヲ處刑シタコト
ヲ聞キマシタ。誰カラ之レヲ聞イタカハ思ヒ
出セマセンガ、皆ガソウ申シテ居リマシタ。

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私、林「ヨシノリ」ハ正式ニ宣誓ヲナシ、私ニ
對スル訊問ノ前記謄本ノ翻譯文が私ニ讀ミ聞カセ
ラレ且ツ私ハ之ヲ理解シタル事及ビソノ中ニ含
マレタル四頁ヨリ成ル凡テノ返答が私ノ知識ト信
念ニ照ラシテ眞實ナル事ヲ陳述ス。

／署名／ 林 ヨシノリ

一九四六年五月一日余ノ面前ニテ署名シ宣誓シタ
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戦争犯罪調査分遣隊

調査官 野砲大尉 ション・D・シユウエンカー

／署名／

蘭領印度「セレス」島「マナド」町

私、「クベ・セイシュン」ト／る戦争犯罪謀認
識番號三〇一一〇九八一ハ正式ニ宣誓ヲナシ與ヘ
ラレタル訊問及ビ返答ヲ英語カラ日本語ニ、又日
本語カラ英語ニ未々眞實ニ翻譯シタル事及ビ轉寫
サレタル後私ハ四頁ニ亘ル前記口供書ヲ證人ニ對
シテ眞實ニ翻譯シタル事、且ツ証人ハ私ノ面前ニ
於テソレニ直テニ彼ノ署名ヲナシタル事ヲ陳述ス。

クベ・セイシュン／署名／

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私「ジョン・D・シェウエンカー」野砲大尉（
一五四四三八ハ、一九四六年四月三十日林「ヨシ
ノリ」自ラ余ノ面前ニ現ヘレ「タベ・セイシュヅ」
ノ通譯ニヨツテソノ中ニ述ベラレタル数個ノ誤問
ニ前記ノ返答ヲ與ヘタル事、又彼ノ証言ガ轉寫サ
レタル後前記林「ヨシノリ」ハ前記通譯ニヨツテソノ
証言ヲ讀ミ聞カセラレ且ツ余ノ面前デ署名ヲ附シ
タル事ヲ證明ス。

場所 セレベス・マナド

日付 一九四六年五月一日

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